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PROTEIN ALPHA, AND USES THEREOF  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of December 3, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21 and 22.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 20 (currently amended):

An isolated protein consisting of:

- (i) ~~at least one catalytic~~ an extracellular domain of an FAP $\alpha$  protein, the amino acid sequence of which is set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein said